

# **CALTRANS/SBA**

## **BONDING ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in consultation with the Governor's Office of Small Business Advocate, have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), to offer a technical assistance surety bond guarantee program to promote increased small business participation in Caltrans, State highway and transit projects.

This initiative is vital to placing more small businesses on the path to full and adequate utilization within California, bringing success to more small businesses, thereby strengthening the State's business community and economy. Further, this initiative provides a viable means to advance the *unimpeded participation of all willing, ready, and able construction contractors and subcontractors, professional architectural and engineering firms, suppliers and truckers, without regard to race, ethnicity, gender, or physical disability to participate in the State's Contracting Program.*<sup>1</sup>

SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee Program helps eligible small businesses obtain bid, performance and payment bonds by guaranteeing surety companies between 70% and 90% of the bond amount.

SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee Program contains two components: Prior Approval Program and Preferred Program. For more information, please visit their Web site at [www.SBA.gov](http://www.SBA.gov).

Surety companies certified by the U.S. Treasury to issue bonds are eligible to apply for participation in the SBA Surety Bond Guarantee Program. For applications, contact or visit your nearest SBA office listed below:

**Fresno District Office**

2719 North Air Fresno Drive  
Suite 200  
Fresno, CA 93727  
Phone: (559) 487-5791

**Los Angeles District Office**

330 North Brand, Suite 1200  
Glendale, CA 91203  
Phone: (818) 552-3215

**Sacramento District Office**

6501 Sylvan Road, Suite 100  
Citrus Heights, CA 95610  
Phone: (916) 735-1700

**San Diego District Office**

550 West C Street, Suite 550  
San Diego, CA 92101  
Phone: (619) 557-7250

**San Francisco District Office**

455 Market Street, 6th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94105-2420  
Phone: (415) 744-6820

**Santa Ana District Office**

200 W. Santa Ana Blvd.  
Suite 700  
Santa Ana, CA 92701  
Phone: (714) 550-7420

For more information or assistance with completing an SBA Surety Bond Guarantee application, please contact a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in your area (see SBDC Locations attachment) or contact Linda Madden at (916) 324-8384 or via email at [Linda.Madden@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Linda.Madden@dot.ca.gov).

**Caltrans Office of Business and Economic Opportunity**



<sup>1</sup> California Executive Order No. S-11-06 (July 21, 2006)